and the religious communities were regulated by law[3] and the State began to exercise supervision over them, in most countries where the Jews had lived for a long time, their communities were officially recognized, the new regulations dealing mainly with their budgets, rates, franchise, and the officials. At the end of the eighteenth and the beginning of the nineteenth centuries legislation of this kind was enacted in Prussia, Austria, Poland, and Russia. In 1808 new methods were adopted in France; a local Consistory for the care of Jewish worship was founded in every department, or group of departments, containing a minimum of 2000 Jewish inhabitants, and a Central Consistory for the whole of France was established in Paris—all under Government control. This organization continued till the separation of Church and State in 1905. Like the Christians, the Jews now form voluntary communities, whose representatives elect a Central Council, presided over by the Chief Rabbi, which takes charge of the religious affairs of the Jewish population.

Since the War new regulations concerning the Jewish communal organization have been enacted in various States of Eastern and Southern Europe, *e.g.* in Poland in 1928, in Roumania in 1929, and in Italy in 1931. The principle has generally been adopted that the Jewish community is a

body recognized in public law, empowered to impose taxes on all Jews within its district. Everyone born of Jewish parents is considered a Jew, so long as he has not formally declared his secession from the Jewish religious community. The community is to take charge of matters concerning worship and public welfare. In some countries—e.g. in Poland, Austria, and Italy—the rabbi is the official registrar of Jewish births, deaths, and marriages. In certain countries *(e.g.* the United States) the State does not in any way interfere with religious matters or take cognizance of religious affiliations; in some others *(e.g.* England) it legislates for the National Church only. There the care of Jewish worship is in the